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SUMMARY: "PRG" SPECIAL ENVOY NGUYEN VAN TIEN BROADCAST A REPORT ON HIS RECENT SWING THROUGH SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HE PRAISED SUPPORT FOR THE "PRG" FROM LEADERS OF MAURITANIA, GUINEA AND SENEGAL IN THE "WORLD ARENA" AND AT THE UN, ESPECIALLY FOR HAVING "MOTIVATED OUR AFTICAN FRIENDS" TO RECOGNIZE THE "PRG". HE REPORTED PROUDLY THAT LIBYA HAD DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE THE "PRG" DURING HIS VISIT, THAT SIERRA LEONE "WILL SOON MAKE A DECISION" ON RECOGNITION, AND THAT ZAIRE "RECOGNIZES BOTH ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM." GVN HAS ASKED ITS AMBASSADOR IN ZIARE TO CLARIFY THIS LAST POINT. END SUMMARY
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1. IN A FIRST-PERSON RECORDED REPORT, SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM ("PRG") NGUYEN VAN TIEN BROADCAST A PROPAGANDISTIC SUMMARY OF HIS TRAVELS TO SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON LIBERATION RADIO MARCH 2. TIEN HAD GONE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF NGUYEN HUU THO, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE "PRG" ADVISORY COUNCIL. TIEN CLAIMED HIS TOUR WAS "SUCCESSFUL" IN THAT IT ENHANCED THE "PRG'S" INTERNATIONAL POSITION AND "GRADUALLY REPULSED THE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES OF THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION."

2. MAURITANIA, GUINEA, SENEGAL. TIEN LUMPED THESE THREE COUNTRIES, WITH WHICH THE "PRG" ALREADY HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, INTO THE EARLY PART OF HIS PRESENTATION. TIEN SAID THEY "SUPPORTED THE POLITICAL AND

DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLE OF THE PRG IN THE WORLD ARENA AND AT THE UN FORUM," AND HE PRAISED THE PRESIDENTS OF THESE THREE COUNTRIES FOR HAVING "MOTIVATED OUR AFRICAN FRIENDS TO RECOGNIZE AND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE "PRG".

3. LIBYA. DURING TIEN'S VISIT TO TRIPOLI DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 2, HE

REPORTEDLY MET WITH PRIMIN JALLUD, WHO INVITED "PRG" FORMIN MME NGUYEN

THI BINH TO VISIT LIBYA "IN THE NEAR FUTURE." ALSO, TIEN REPORTS, "AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING" OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL AND GOL WAS CONVENED BY QADHAFI AND JALLUD ON JANUARY 1, DURING WHICH IT WAS "DECIDED TO RECOGNIZE AND ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRG AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL."

4. SIERRA LEONE. TIEN VISITED FREETOWN JANUARY 30 TO FEBRUARY 1. PRESIDENT STEVENS, HE REPORTED, "EXPRESSED HIS FULL SUPPORT" FOR A SOUTH VIETNAM "UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NLF AND PRG" AND SAID THE GOL "WAS INTERESTED" IN RECOGNITION AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH "PRG" "AND WILL SOON MAKE A DECISION ON IT".

5. ZAIRE. TIEN'S VISIT TO ZAIRE FEBRUARY 4 TO 8 RECEIVED THE LONGEST TREATMENT IN HIS REPORT. HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST "PRG" CONFIDENTIAL

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VISIT TO ZAIRE AND THAT HE WAS "SOLEMNLY WELCOMED." PRESIDENT MOBUTU

HE SAID, "ASSERTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PRG STAND" BECAUSE BOTH "ADVOCATE NONALIGNMENT." MOBUTU ALSO SAID HE HOPED VIETNAM "WOULD BE RE-UNIFIED." TIEN THEN CLAIMED, WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY ATTRIBUTING IT TO MOBUTU OR THE GOL, THAT "ZAIRE ADVOCATES OPENING THE DOOR TO EVERYBODY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF

ZAIRE RECOGNIZES BOTH ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM."
TIEN CONCLUDED THAT HIS VISIT TO ZAIRE "ENDED SUCCESSFULLY" AND
THAT THE VISIT WAS "OF GREAT POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER ISOLATING AND WEAKENING THE SAIGON
ADMINISTRATION IN THE WORLD ARENA."

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6. COMMENT: REPORTS OF ADDRESSES ON THIS TRIP WERE APPRECIATED.
ATTITUDES OF GOVERNMENTS VISITED WERE AS COULD BE EXPECTED, WITH
POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF ZAIRE. MFA HAS ASKED AMBASSADOR LONG IN
KINSHASA TO CLARIFY ALLEGED RECOGNITION OF "PRG" BY GOZ.
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